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# Founders Day Assembly



**Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
**January 24, 1992 11:00 a.m.**  
**Rowland Hall**

### **Founders Day Assembly**

The annual observance of Founders Day honors a man who "put the cause of osteopathic medicine above personal considerations." That man was Oscar John Snyder, M.S., D.O., co-founder of the college and PCOM's first president, who remained with the college for 42 years as adviser and member of the board of trustees. He brought about the establishment of the high standards of osteopathic education instrumental in obtaining the Commonwealth's legal recognition of the college and the osteopathic profession.

### **Program**

#### **Introductions**

Daniel L. Wisely, D.O.  
Dean

#### **Invocation**

Clara M. Higgins, '93  
President, Student Council

#### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Alexander Rodi, D.O.  
President, Alumni Association

#### **Welcome and Introduction of the**

#### **O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal Recipient**

Leonard H. Finkelstein, D.O.  
President

#### **Address**

Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.  
Class of 1942

#### **Benediction**

Sherwood R. Mercer, LL.D.  
Professor Emeritus

*The O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal will be presented to  
Dr. Fliegelman at the Founders Day/Alumni Dinner Dance  
on January 25, 1992.*

**Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.  
Class of 1942**

Today Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine bestows the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, its highest award, to Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., an obstetrician, gynecologist and a born teacher to both his patients and students.

There is not a physician alive who better exemplifies the compassionate treatment of patients than Dr. Fliegelman. One need not know more about his concept of the patient-doctor relationship and the student-professor relationship, than to know that he insists that patients call him "Manny" and that PCOM students call him "Uncle Manny."

And everybody does.

Impressed and encouraged by two osteopathic general practitioners he met after his graduation from St. Joseph's College, the Germantown native entered PCOM in 1938. "I tell my freshmen students that as the years rolled by I realized that was a great decision. We are truly fortunate to be osteopathic physicians."

What followed has been a distinguished 50-year practice of obstetrical and gynecological excellence there and in Israel. His career has culminated in the past two decades as an unforgettable professor of obstetrics and gynecology who established PCOM's human sexuality curriculum.

Earlier, after interning at St. Peter's Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Fliegelman had been one of 30 osteopathic physicians who founded Metropolitan Hospital in 1944. Fourteen years later, in 1958, he became the co-chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Juniata Park Hospital (later to be renamed Parkview and, last year, bought by OMCP) in Northeast Philadelphia.

Dr. Fliegelman also served the osteopathic profession as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists from 1966 to 1972, and from 1969 to 1972 chaired that organization's Membership and Promotion committees and its Committee on Social Problems of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is also a distinguished fellow of the college. In 1972 Dr. Fliegelman and his wife Ruth moved to Israel. Dedicated to helping that country improve its medical capabilities, he spread the influence of osteopathic medicine as a member of the visiting staff and faculty at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hadassah Hospital-Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he still returns to lecture. But after two years there, a yearning to again be with their family (two sons, three grandchildren) brought the Fliegelmans back home to Philadelphia.

Dr. Fliegelman, who had taught on a volunteer basis at PCOM before his departure, was soon lured back to PCOM as a full-time associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology. Full professorship came two years later.

Today, as he approaches his 77th birthday on February 15, he still teaches the freshman human sexuality course, lectures sophomores on obstetrics, gynecology and the doctor-patient relationship and consults with senior students two mornings a week at PCOM's Lancaster Avenue Medical Center in West Philadelphia. From mid-December through March he teaches similar courses at Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in North Miami Beach, Fla.

The winner of PCOM's 1976 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teacher, he has also taught at the New England and West Virginia colleges of osteopathic medicine. He is a diplomate of the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Sexology. He has furthered the medical community's understanding of human sexuality through extensive writing, currently serving as a consulting editor for the *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality*, and as a member of the editorial advisory board of *The Female Patient*.

Besides being chairman emeritus at Parkview, he is an attending and consultant physician at Delaware Valley Medical Center.

Dr. Fliegelman also continues to demonstrate the social commitment he believes is an integral part of being a physician by serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Chapter of Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Philadelphia Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. He is also the past chairman of the Association of Planned Parenthood Professionals' Membership Committee.

Finally, he is a member of the OMCP Credentials and Intern Selection committees and served on the OMCP Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1988. "I don't want to sound like a Pollyanna, but I've dedicated my last 20 years to giving back to the college for the opportunity and joy it has given me, and that includes the joy I have had in teaching students," says Dr. Fliegelman.

Emanuel "Manny" Fliegelman, D.O., compassionate obstetrician and gynecologist and revered educator, has honored his college and the osteopathic community through a half century of leadership, loyalty and service. Therefore, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is gratified to bestow on him its highest honor and most prestigious award, the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal.



**Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.**  
**Class of 1942, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
**Selected Curriculum Vitae**

*Professional Memberships, Activities and Affiliations*

Member, Board of Trustees, Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia, 1985-1988  
Member, Credentials Committee, OMCP, 1979-  
Founding member, Metropolitan Hospital, 1944  
Chairman emeritus and co-chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Parkview Hospital, 1958-1972  
Attending and consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Delaware Valley Medical Center  
Attending and consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Hospital of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Director, Human Sexuality Programs, Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia, 1981-1982  
Visiting Member, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Hadassah Hospital-Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel  
Life Member, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (member, Board of Trustees, 1966-1972, chairman of both Membership and Promotional committees and Committee on Social Problems of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1969-72)  
Life Member, PCOM Alumni Association  
Life Member, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association  
Life Member, American Osteopathic Association  
Life Member, Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia  
Distinguished Fellow, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Diplomate, American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (certified in obstetrical and gynecological surgery)  
Diplomate, American Board of Sexology  
Member, Sex Information and Education Council United States  
Fellow, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 1978-1982  
President, Physicians' Division, American Friends of Hebrew University, 1975-1980  
Past Chairman, Membership Committee, Association of Planned Parenthood Professionals  
Member, Board of Directors, Southeastern Chapter of Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania  
Member, Advisory Board, Philadelphia Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Consulting Editor, Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality  
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, The Female Patient  
Author, numerous articles and papers on medical and social aspects of human sexuality

*Faculty Appointments*

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1975-, course coordinator, human sexuality course for first-year students  
Post-Graduate Seminar, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, Radiologists and Gynecologists, 1969, 1971  
Faculty of Human Sexuality Program, New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1980-81  
Guest faculty, Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Guest faculty, West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1978-82

*Awards and Honors*

Lindback Award for Distinguished Teacher, 1976, PCOM

**Recipients of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal**

The O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, presented in memory of the co-founder of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is awarded in recognition of leadership and service to the osteopathic profession and to the college.

- \*1953 David S. B. Pennock, M.D., D.O.
- 1954 Margaret H. Jones, D.O.
- \*1955 Chester D. Swope, D.O.
- \*1956 Russell C. McCaughan, D.O.
- \*1958 Phil R. Russell, D.O.
- \*1959 Ira W. Drew, D.O.
- \*1960 C. Paul Snyder, D.O.
- \*1961 James M. Eaton, D.O.
- \*1962 J. Ernest Leuzinger, D.O.
- \*1963 H. Walter Evans, D.O.
- \*1964 Paul T. Lloyd, D.O.
- \*1966 Angus G. Cathie, D.O.
- \*1967 Carlton Street, D.O.
- 1968 Edwin H. Cressman, D.O.
- \*1969 Edgar O. Holden, D.O.
- \*1970 Frederic H. Barth,  
B.S., LL.D. (hon)
- \*1971 Joseph F. Py, D.O.
- 1972 George W. Northup, D.O.
- \*1973 William F. Daiber, D.O.
- 1974 Herman Kohn, D.O.
- \*1975 William S. Spaeth, D.O.
- \*1976 Mortimer J. Sullivan, D.O.
- 1977 A. Aline Swift, D.O.
- 1978 Foster C. True, D.O.
- 1979 Frank E. Gruber, D.O.
- \*1980 Leo C. Wagner, D.O.
- 1981 R. MacFarlane Tilley, D.O.
- 1982 M. Carman Pettapiece, D.O.
- 1983 George H. Guest, D.O.
- \*1984 Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.,  
B.S., LL.D. (hon.), D.Sc. (hon)
- 1985 Galen S. Young, Sr., D.O.
- 1986 David Heilig, D.O.
- \*1987 W. Kenneth Riland, D.O.
- 1988 Richard S. Koch, D.O.
- 1989 Ruth E. Purdy, D.O.
- 1990 Morton E. Terry, D.O.
- 1991 Arnold Gerber, D.O.
- 1992 Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O.

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\* Deceased



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